



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

June 26, 2019

A meeting of the Lowell Board of Health was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852. Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Present:

Jo-Ann Keegan, RN, MSN, Chairperson
John Donovan, DC, Board Member
William Galvin, MD, Board Member
Lisa Golden, RN, MSN, Board Member
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, RN, CNM, Board Member
Kerran Vigroux, Health & Human Services Director
Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director
Shawn Machado, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector

6/26/2019 - Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. **For Acceptance:** Minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting of the Board of Health.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting of the Board of Health made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

1.II. **Monthly Development Services Report** submitted by Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado. Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Machado informed the Board that the School Department pest control company will be in the schools over the summer.

1.III. **For Review:** Tobacco Control Monthly Report submitted by Cesar Pungirum, Program Director. Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director, reviewed the reports with the Board. A public hearing for Chuck's Variety for the sale of tobacco products to a minor (second offense) will be scheduled for the September 2019 meeting. Mr. Pungirum spoke to the Board regarding City Councilor Rodney Elliot's request about vaping and if vaping and flavored/menthol cigarettes should be banned within the City due to the risk to the Public's health. The Law Department has been asked by the Council to look into the laws and legalities of that direction. Discussion occurred on the subject. Mr. Pungirum can look at various scenarios and report back to the Board. Mr. Pungirum will get figures on the number of towns that have restricted these items. Director Kerran Vigroux told the Board that the City Council was favorable towards the issue due to the concern of teen usage and wants the Board to look at the regulations and if they should be more restrictive. Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan asked that the Health Department work with the High School regarding vaping.

1.IV. **Citizen Petition:** Regarding the Ban of Menthol/Mint Flavored Cigarette/Tobacco Products Dr. Lester Hartman spoke to the Board regarding the banning of menthol/flavored cigarettes. Dr. Hartman offered at no cost to make himself available to speak on the subject at Lowell High School

1.V. Body Art Practitioner License -New

Motion: To approve the Body Art Apprentice License for Jeffrey Reil made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.VI. Communication: From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.VII. For Review: Trinity EMS, Inc Reports.

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.VIII. Informational: Zaza Ink Skin Course

The Board discussed the information provided and placed on file.

1.IX. Communication: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program

The Board reviewed and placed on file.

2. OLD BUSINESS**2.I. Update:** Comprehensive Waste Hauler Regulations

The Board reviewed the provided information and placed on file.

2.II. Update: Service Zone Plan.

Director Kerran Vigroux updated the Board on the progress of the Service Zone Plan.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**3.I. Update:** Departmental and Divisional Reports and Updates

Director Vigroux informed the Board that the Department has started the strategic planning process which should take 4-6 months to complete. Items to be included are the mission/vision statement for the Health Department and working towards accreditation.

Director Vigroux added that the City Manager has asked her to join the City Manager's Homeless Taskforce and the Homelessness Crisis Committee.

4. MOTION: To adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 7:29 PM by John Donovan, seconded by William Galvin. All in Favor

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD ON
AUGUST 7, 2019 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM.**